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407 interviews is  $\pm 5\%$*

48 Male  
52 Female  
[109]

1. I'm going to read you the names of several public figures, and I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so.

	<u>Very Positive</u>	<u>Somewhat Positive</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Somewhat Negative</u>	<u>Very Negative</u>	<u>Don't Know Name/ Not Sure</u>	
<b>Bill Clinton</b>							<b>[136]</b>
February 7, 1998.....	30	27	15	11	16	1	
January 31, 1998.....	29	21	13	14	23	-	
January 26, 1998.....	24	19	17	15	24	1	
January 24, 1998.....	19	21	17	15	27	1	
January 17-19, 1998.....	21	36	15	13	15	-	
December 1997.....	21	34	16	13	15	1	
October 1997.....	21	30	16	15	17	1	
September 1997.....	24	32	17	13	13	1	
July 1997.....	26	30	13	14	16	1	
June 1997.....	20	31	17	15	16	1	
<i>High</i>							
January 1993.....	33	31	15	9	7	5	
<i>Low</i>							
September 1994.....	13	28	18	18	23	-	
<b>Monica Lewinsky</b>							<b>[137]</b>
February 7, 1998.....	3	6	28	24	31	8	
January 31, 1998.....	2	8	26	21	34	9	
January 24, 1998.....	3	6	33	16	19	23	
<b>Kenneth Starr</b>							<b>[138]</b>
February 7, 1998.....	7	12	21	15	24	21	
January 31, 1998.....	8	10	25	11	22	24	
January 24, 1998.....	8	12	22	11	14	33	
June 1997 .....	4	10	19	8	6	53	
March 1997.....	2	8	18	6	6	60	

Q.1 (cont'd)

	Very Positive	Somewhat Positive	Neutral	Somewhat Negative	Very Negative	Don't Know Name/ Not Sure	
<b>Hillary Rodham Clinton<sup>1</sup></b>							<b>[139]</b>
February 7, 1998.....	34	25	20	7	13	1	
January 31, 1998.....	27	25	19	12	16	1	
January 26, 1998.....	26	19	21	12	19	3	
January 24, 1998.....	26	23	20	12	18	1	
January 17-19, 1998.....	20	25	21	16	16	2	
December 1997.....	18	26	23	14	17	2	
October 1997.....	20	25	23	13	17	2	
September 1997.....	19	26	18	15	20	2	
July 1997.....	16	23	21	16	23	1	
June 1997.....	22	26	15	15	20	2	
April 1997.....	18	26	18	14	22	2	
<b>High</b>							
January 1993.....	27	30	21	8	8	6	
<b>Low</b>							
May 1996+.....	14	20	19	17	27	3	

<sup>1</sup> In June and July of 1994, Hillary Rodham Clinton had higher positive ratings than Bill Clinton.  
+ Asked only of registered voters.

2. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job Bill Clinton is doing as president?

	2/98	1/98											High	Low	
	7 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup>	12/97	10/97	9/97	7/97	9/97	6/93		
Approve.....	79	72	68	63	61	61	62	59	57	62	56	62	41	[140]	
Disapprove.....	15	21	24	30	31	32	30	33	34	29	36	29	50		
Not sure.....	6	7	8	7	8	7	8	8	9	9	8	9	9		

3. As you may know, Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein still has not fully complied with United Nations inspections for chemical and biological weapons materials. Do you think that the United States should continue to rely on diplomatic negotiations, or should the United States use military force to resolve this matter with Iraq?

	2/7/98	1/17- 19/98	
U.S. should rely on diplomatic negotiations.....	38	42	<b>[141]</b>
U.S. should use military force.....	47	47	
Depends (VOL).....	11	6	
Not sure.....	4	5	

4. Do you think it is worth risking the lives of U.S. military troops to try to capture or kill Saddam Hussein?

	2/7/98	12/97	
Yes, it is worth risking U.S. troops.....	38	38	<b>[142]</b>
No, it is not worth risking U.S. troops.....	52	51	
Not sure.....	10	11	

5. Do you think that it is worth proceeding with the military force if there is no guarantee that the United States can destroy Iraq's biological and chemical weapons?

Worth proceeding.....	49	[143]
Not worth proceeding.....	43	
Not sure.....	8	

6. Do you think that it is worth proceeding with the military force even if it meant extensive civilian casualties in Iraq in order to destroy the biological and chemical weapons?

Worth proceeding.....	46	[144]
Not worth proceeding.....	42	
Not sure.....	12	

7. As you may know, there are allegations that President Clinton had an affair with a 21-year-old White House intern. Do you think that these allegations about President Clinton are true, or not?

	2/98	1/98						
	7 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	
Yes, allegations are true.....	39	40	37	39	47	45	38	[145]
No, allegations are not true.....	30	30	30	27	24	25	28	
Not sure.....	31	30	33	34	29	30	34	

8. There are also allegations that President Clinton lied about his alleged affair with the woman while he testified under oath in the Paula Jones trial. Do you think that these allegations about President Clinton are true, or not?

	2/98	1/98			
	7 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	
Yes, allegations are true.....	39	43	35	44	[146]
No, allegations are not true.....	32	27	32	25	
Not sure.....	29	30	33	31	

9. If it turns out that these allegations are true, do you think that President Clinton should be impeached and removed from office, or not?

	2/98	1/98		
	7 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	
Yes, should be impeached and removed from office.....	29	35	50	[147]
No, should not be impeached and removed from office.....	65	57	42	
Not sure.....	6	8	8	

10. Thinking about what you have heard in the past few days about the alleged affair, are you more likely to believe in the President, less likely to believe in the President, or does this not affect your opinion either way?

More likely.....	14	[148]
Less likely.....	23	
Does not affect opinion.....	61	
Not sure.....	2	

11. There are recent news reports that President Clinton tried to influence his personal secretary's testimony about her knowledge of his alleged affair. Do you feel that this story raises serious doubts about the President's credibility, or do you think that it is not true?

Story raises serious doubts.....	36	[149]
Story is not true.....	48	
Not sure.....	16	

12. Do you feel that President Clinton has said enough publicly about the recent allegations, or do you feel that he needs to provide more information?

Has said enough.....	58	[150]
Needs to provide more information.....	38	
Not sure.....	4	

13. Do you feel that the current situation involving Bill Clinton has tarnished the office of the presidency or not?

Current situation has tarnished the presidency.....	40	[151]
Current situation has not tarnished the presidency...	58	
Not sure.....	2	

14. Do you think that Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel who is investigating these allegations, is mainly interested in conducting a fair and impartial investigation, or is he using the investigation for partisan, political purposes?

	<u>2/7/98</u>	<u>1/31/98</u>	
Is conducting a fair/impartial investigation.....	22	26	[152]
Is using investigation for partisan, political purposes.....	64	57	
Not sure.....	14	17	

15. Do you feel that the investigation into this matter should be pursued further, or do you think that the facts are known and that the case should be dropped?

	<u>2/7/98</u>	<u>1/31/98</u>	
Investigation should be pursued.....	36	48	[153]
Facts are know/case should be dropped.....	57	46	
Not sure.....	7	6	

**FACTUALS: Now I have a few more questions for statistical purposes only.**

- F1. How old are you? **(IF REFUSED, ASK:)** Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

18-24.....	8	[154]
25-29.....	9	
30-34.....	10	
35-39.....	11	
40-44.....	10	
45-49.....	10	
50-54.....	10	
55-59.....	7	
60-64.....	5	
65 and over.....	18	[155]
Refused.....	2	

- F2. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else?

**(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:)** Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT VERY STRONG DEMOCRAT/ REPUBLICAN.")**

**(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:)** Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent? **(IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")**

Strong Democrat.....	15	[156]
Not very strong Democrat.....	10	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	13	
Strictly independent.....	22	
Independent/lean Republican.....	9	
Not very strong Republican.....	10	
Strong Republican.....	11	
Other.....	6	
Not sure/nothing.....	4	

- F3. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, between \$75,000 and \$100,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[157]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	11	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	15	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	21	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	10	
More than \$100,000.....	9	
Not sure/refused.....	10	

- F4. Finally, are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

(IF NO:) What is your race -- white, black, Asian, or something else?

Hispanic.....	6	[158]
White.....	78	
Black.....	10	
Asian.....	3	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	